

MURDER Body of woman believed to be stabbing victim found in park

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The decomposed body of a missing 33-year-old woman who was apparently stabbed to death was found yesterday hidden under some tree branches near an East Oakland park.

The name of the woman was being withheld pending confirmation of her identity through fingerprints.

Homicide Sgt. Dan Murray said that although it appeared the woman was stabbed, the exact cause of death would not be determined until an autopsy is completed today.

The woman's body was found

about 11:30 a.m. yesterday by city workers cleaning sewers in the 3900 block of Columbian Drive.

The area is on a hill above the tennis courts at Burckhalter Park, which is on Edwards Avenue adjacent to the MacArthur Freeway.

Murray said although the woman was last seen by relatives on April 4, she was not reported missing until Thursday.

He said police have no motive for the slaying.

Police do not believe the killing is related to a recent series of slayings of young black women.

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Stabbing victim identified

The body found Friday near Burckhalter Park was identified yesterday as the remains of Blanche M. Tarver, 33, of Oakland.

A spokesman for the coroner said Tarver was apparently stabbed to death April 4.

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